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1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a bent glass sheet comprising:

heating a glass sheet in a heating furnace to a temperature where the
5 glass sheet is changeable in shape,

conveying the glass sheet out off the heating furnace, and

bending the glass sheet by pressing the glass sheet together with at
least one belt made of a heat-resistant material against a bending surface of
a bending member,

10 wherein the glass sheet is bent while the glass sheet is conveyed along
the bending surface with the belt that travels between the glass sheet and
the bending surface, and the bending surface is curved at least in the
direction that is perpendicular to the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

15 2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein a degree of
curvature of the bending surface gradually increases in the conveying
direction of the glass sheet.

20 3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the bending surface
is also curved in the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the glass sheet is conveyed
with the belt so that the glass sheet gradually deviates from a direction in
which the glass sheet is conveyed from the heating furnace.

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5. The method according to claims 3 or 4, wherein the glass sheet is bent so as to have a predetermined curvature with respect to the conveying direction.

7.(Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing a bent glass sheet
10 comprising:
a heating furnace for heating a glass sheet to a temperature where the
glass sheet is changeable in shape, and
a bending apparatus adjacent to the heating furnace so as to accept the
glass sheet from the heating furnace and bend the glass sheet while
15 conveying the glass sheet, the bending apparatus including a conveying
passage for the glass sheet,

8. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a degree of

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curvature of the bending surface gradually increases in the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

9. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the bending
5 surface is also curved in the conveying direction of the glass sheet.

10. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the conveying passage
gradually deviates from a direction in which the glass sheet is conveyed
from the heating furnace.

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11. The apparatus according to claim 7, further including a cooling
apparatus for quenching or annealing the glass sheet adjacent to the
bending apparatus.

15 12. The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the cooling apparatus
includes a curved conveying passage for the glass sheet that has a
predetermined curvature with respect to the conveying direction of the glass
sheet.

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